

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the title on page 1, line 2 and replace with the following title:

ELECTRONIC MUSICAL INSTRUMENT CONNECTED TO COMPUTER KEYBOARD.

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, line 13 to line 24, and replace with the following paragraph:

Conventionally, an electronic musical instrument has several operating elements (operators) provided on its panel, and a user operates these operating elements to carry out various settings. A display device such as a LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) is also provided on the panel, and the user refers to various information on the display device to perform operations. There is also known another type of electronic musical instrument which is adapted to have a dedicated controller connected thereto, and, in addition to operations on the panel, the controller is used to carry out various settings for the electronic musical instrument.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 25, and continuing to page 3, line 2, and replace with the following paragraph:

To attain the above object, the present invention further provides an electronic musical instrument comprising an operation panel that is operated by a user, at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard for use in a computer, a connection interface for connecting the keyboard to the electronic musical instrument, and a replacing device that replaces operation information input from the operation panel by operation information input from the keyboard connected via the connection terminal and the connection interface.

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, line 17 to line 30, and replace with the following paragraph:

Preferably, the electronic musical instrument according to the present invention further comprises a display device, and a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the keys of the keyboard connected to the electronic musical instrument, and wherein when any of the keys of the keyboard are operated, the execution device causes the display device to display a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the

operated key if the operation of the key is significant for a screen view currently displayed on the display, and execute one of the functions assigned to the operated key if the operation of the key is significant for the screen view currently displayed.

Please delete the paragraph on page 4, line 10 to line 24, and replace with the following paragraph:

Preferably, the electronic musical instrument according to the present invention further comprises a display device, and a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the types of keys of the keyboard connected to the electronic musical instrument, and wherein when any of the types of keys of the keyboard are operated, the execution device causes the display device to display a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated type of key if the operation of the type of key is significant for a screen view currently displayed on the display, and execute one of the functions assigned to the operated key if the operation of the type of key is significant for the screen view currently displayed.

Please delete the paragraph on page 8, line 9 to line 29, and replace with the following paragraph:

FIG. 3 shows the exterior appearance of a back face of the electronic musical instrument. On the back face 300, there are provided a MIDI input terminal 301, a MIDI output terminal 302, a MIDI through terminal 303, a serial terminal 304, a host connection terminal 305, a type-A keyboard connection terminal 306, a type-B keyboard connection terminal 307, left and right audio signal output terminals 308, 309, and a power switch 310. The MIDI terminals 301 to 303 are used for connection with external MIDI equipment according to the MIDI standard. The serial terminal 304 is a serial interface such as RS-232C. The host connection terminal 305 is used for connection with an external host computer. The keyboard connection terminals 306, 307 are used for connection with PC keyboards so that various settings for the electronic musical instrument can be performed from the PC keyboards. Since there are several types of PC keyboards corresponding to the types of PCs (for example, for DOS/V machine, for MAC, for UNIX), keyboard connection terminals corresponding to these PC keyboards are provided in the present embodiment.

~~Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 17, and continuing to page 10, line 4, and replace with the following paragraph:~~

FIG. 5 shows an example of the PC keyboard that is connected to the electronic musical instrument of the present embodiment. This PC keyboard 500 is comprised of a function key 501, ten key pad 502 (hereinafter referred to as "ten-key 2"), alphabet and other symbol keys 503, ten key pad 504 (hereinafter referred to as "ten-key 1"), edit key 505, cursor key 506, and operation key 507. In FIG. 5, a plurality of keys of the same kind are grouped and shown in a block. For example, the function key 501 is comprised of a plurality of function keys. The ten-key 2 is comprised of numeric keys arranged on the upper side of the alphabet and other symbol keys. The edit key 505 is comprised of an insert key, a delete key, and so forth. The cursor key 506 is comprised of keys that instruct a cursor on a display screen to move up and down as well as right and left. The operation key 507 is comprised of a space key, a control (CTRL) key, a shift (SHIFT) key, and so forth. The PC keyboard as shown in FIG. 5 is connected to one or more of the keyboard connection terminals 306, 307 in FIG. 3 or the connection terminals 402, 403 in FIG. 4, which are of the same type as the PC keyboard.

~~Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 26, and continuing to page 12, line 5, and replace with the following paragraph:~~

FIG. 7 shows an example of the procedure for specifying the key arrangement of PC keyboard to be connected. This procedure may be used instead of the procedure of FIG. 6. When the system switch 213 in FIG. 2 is turned on, a system menu is displayed on the display 204, and the procedure of FIG. 7 starts. First, in step 701, the function of specifying the key arrangement of PC keyboard is selected from the system menu displayed on the display 204, and the screen view of the display 204 is changed to a view for setting the PC keyboard. The view for setting the PC keyboard is in the form of a list of characters that can be entered. If another function is selected from the system menu, the operation moves to processing for performing the selected function.

~~Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 28, and continuing to page 15, line 10, and replace with the following paragraph:~~

Next, in step 803, a function module that is to be started in accordance with depression of the key is determined from the received position code of the key. The correspondence between key positions and function modules to be executed when the respective keys are depressed is defined by a module table. FIG 15B shows the format of the module table. The module table allows a function module number corresponding to the key to be identified by referring to the position code of the key as the relative address. The module number is used to discriminate each function module. For example, a module number 0 denotes a function module VOICE for performing a voice selection operation, a module number 2 denotes a function module SONG for performing a song selection operation, and so forth. The step 803 thus discriminates the function module corresponding to the received position code with reference to the module table.

~~Please delete the paragraph page 21, line 25 to line 32, and replace with the following paragraph:~~

In the present invention, the term "electronic musical instrument" shall include so-called "tone generator box" (tone generating module), rhythm box (rhythm machine), sequencer, data filer (that performs file management of tone color data and performance data), and "MIDI karaoke machine" which has no keyboard, and "master keyboard" which consists solely of a keyboard.